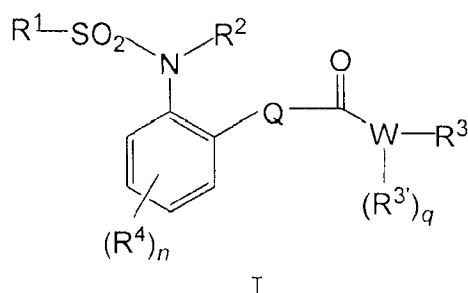


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A compound of Formula I:



wherein

Q is selected from the group consisting of ~~C₂-C₃~~ C₂ to C₃ alkylene and ~~C₂-C₃ alkenylene~~;

W is selected from the group consisting of O, S, and N, wherein:

when W is O or S, then *q* is zero; and when W is N, then *q* is one;

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocyclic and substituted heterocyclic;

R² is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl and heterocyclic;

R³ and R^{3'} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, aryl, substituted aryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocyclic and substituted heterocyclic, or R³ and R^{3'} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocyclic, or substituted heterocyclic;

each R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, amino, substituted amino, cycloalkyl, alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclic, acyl, halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, carboxy, -C(O)OR¹⁰ wherein R¹⁰ is alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, or substituted aryl, and

-C(O)NR¹¹R¹² wherein R¹¹ and R¹² are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclic, or R¹¹ and R¹² together with the nitrogen atom to which they are joined form a heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocyclic a substituted heterocyclic group;

n is an integer of from 0 to 3;

q is an integer equal to 0 or 1;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, geometric isomer or stereoisomer thereof.

2. (Original) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl; naphth-1-yl; 5-dimethylaminonaphth-1-yl; 2-fluorophenyl; 2-chlorophenyl; 2-cyano-phenyl; 2-methylphenyl; 2-nitrophenyl; 2-trifluoromethylphenyl; 3-chloro-phenyl; 4-methylphenyl (tolyl); 2,5-dibromophenyl; 4-bromo-2-ethylphenyl; 4-bromo-2-trifluoromethoxyphenyl; 2,3-dichlorophenyl; 2,4-dichlorophenyl; 3,4-dichlorophenyl; 2,5-dichlorophenyl; 3,5-dichlorophenyl; 2,6-dichloro-phenyl; 2-chloro-4-cyanophenyl; 2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl; 3-chloro-2-methylphenyl; 2-chloro-6-methylphenyl; 5-chloro-2-methoxyphenyl; 2-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl; 2,4-difluorophenyl; 5-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl; 2,5-dimethoxyphenyl; 2-methoxy-4-methylphenyl; 2-methoxy-5-bromophenyl; 2-methoxy-5-methylphenyl; 2,5-dimethylphenyl; 2-methyl-5-nitrophenyl; 3,5-di(trifluoromethyl)phenyl; 4-bromo-2,5-difluorophenyl; 2,3,4-trichlorophenyl; 2,4,5-trichlorophenyl; 2,4,6-trichlorophenyl; 2,4-dichloro-5-methylphenyl; 4-chloro-2,5-dimethylphenyl; 2,4,6-tri(*iso*)propyl-phenyl; 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl; 2,3,5-trimethyl-4-chlorophenyl; 2,3,6-trimethyl-4-methoxyphenyl; 2,3,4,5,6-pentamethylphenyl; 5-chloro-1,3-dimethylpyrazol-4-yl; 2-methoxycarbonyl-thiophen-3-yl; 2,3-dimethyl-imidazol-5-yl; 2-methylcarbonylamino-4-methyl-thiazol-5-yl; quinolin-8-yl; thiophen-2-yl; 1-methylimidiazol-4-yl; 3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl; N-morpholino; 2,3,4-trifluoro-phenyl; 2,4-dichloro-3-methylphenyl; 2,4-dimethyl-5-chlorophenyl; 2-chloro-5-methylphenyl; 2-methyl-4-fluorophenyl; 2-phenoxyphenyl; 3-(4-methyl-phenoxy)-phenyl; 3,4-difluorophenyl;

3,4-dimethoxyphenyl; 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl; 3-chloro-4-methylphenyl; 3-methylphenyl; and 6-chloro-5-bromopyrid-3-yl.

3. (Original) The compound according to Claim 2 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of 4-chloro-2,5-dimethylphenyl and 2,3-dichlorophenyl.

4. (Currently amended) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R² is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, [[or]] methyl, and [[or]] ethyl.

5. (Original) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein W is nitrogen and *q* is one.

6. (Currently amended) The compound according to Claim 5, wherein R³ is selected from the group consisting of:

~~amino~~,

2-[*N*-(α -aminoacetyl)piperid-4-yl]ethyl,

4-aminobenzyl,

2-[*N*-(1-amino-1-methylethylcarbonyl)piperid-4-yl]ethyl,

2-(4-aminophenyl)ethyl,

2-aminothiazol-5-ylmethyl,

(2-aminopyrid-4-yl)methyl,

benzyl,

2-bromoethyl,

1-(S)-carboxamide-2-(indol-3-yl)ethyl,

carboxamidemethyl,

1-carboxamide-2-(S)-methyl-butyl,

1-(S)-carbamyol-2-(phenyl)ethyl,

1-(R)-carboxamide-2-(phenyl)ethyl,

4-carboxybenzyl,
 2-chloroethyl,
 cyanomethyl,
 2-(4-cyanophenyl)ethyl,
 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-1-(R)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)ethyl,
 2-(4-cyanophenyl)-1-(S)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)ethyl,
 cyclohexyl,
 cyclohexylmethyl,
 2-(*N*-cyclopropylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl,
 2-(*N*-cyclopropylpiperidin-4-yl)-1-(R)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)ethyl,
 1-(R)-1,3-di(benzyloxycarbonyl)propyl,
 1-(S)-1,3-dicarboxamidepropyl,
 (2-dimethylamino)ethyl,
 2-[4-(*N,N*-dimethylamino)]phenethyl,
 3-(dimethylamino)propyl,
 1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl ethyl,
 2-ethoxyphenyl,
 ethyl,
 1-(R)-(1-*N*-ethylaminocarbonyl)-4-amino-*n*-butyl,
 1-(S)-(1-*N*-ethylaminocarbonyl)-4-amino-*n*-butyl,
 1-(R)-(1-*N*-ethylaminocarbonyl)-5-(*t*-butoxycarbonylamino)pent-5-yl,
 1-(S)-(1-*N*-ethylaminocarbonyl)-5-(*t*-butoxycarbonylamino)pent-5-yl,
 1-(R)-(1-*N*-ethylaminocarbonyl)-4-(*N'*-*t*-butoxycarbonylamino)-*n*-but-5-yl,
 1-(S)-(1-*N*-ethylaminocarbonyl)-4-(*N'*-*t*-butoxycarbonylamino)-*n*-but-5-yl,
 1-(R)-(1-*N*-ethylaminocarbonyl)-5-(*N'*-*t*-butoxycarbonylamino)-*n*-pent-5-yl,
 1-(S)-(1-*N*-ethylaminocarbonyl)-5-(*N'*-*t*-butoxycarbonylamino)-*n*-pent-5-yl,
 4-fluorophenethyl,
 hydrogen,

2-hydroxyethyl,
2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-(S)-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl,
2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-(S)-(isopropoxycarbonyl)ethyl,
2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1-(R)-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl,
2-(*N*-hydroxypyrid-4-yl)ethyl,
2-(imidazol-4-yl)ethyl,
2-[4-(imidazolin-2-yl)phenyl]-1-(R)-(pyrrolidin-1-ylcarbonyl)ethyl,
2-[4-(imidazolin-2-yl)phenyl]ethyl,
2-(indol-3-yl)ethyl,
2-(indol-3-yl)-1-(S)-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl,
2-(indol-3-yl)-1-(R)-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl,
iso-propyl,
1-(R)-(isopropoxycarbonyl)-2-(phenyl)ethyl,
4-(methoxycarbonyl)benzyl,
1-(R)-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl,
methoxycarbonylmethyl,
methoxycarbonylphenylmethyl,
2-methoxyethyl,
1-(R)-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(*N*-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl,
1-(R)-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(*N*-methyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyrid-4-yl)ethyl,
2-methoxyphenyl,
1-(R)-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-pyrid-4-yl)ethyl,
methyl,
2-[4-(methylcarbonylamino)phenethyl],
2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethyl,
2-(*N*-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl,
(*N*-methylpiperidin-2-yl)methyl,
2-(*N*-methylpiperidin-2-yl)ethyl,

2-(*N*-methylpiperidin-3-yl)ethyl,
2-(*N*-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl,
2-(*N*-methylpiperidin-4-yl)-1-(*R*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)ethyl,
2-[(*N*-methyl)pyrrolidin-2-yl]ethyl,
2-(*N*-methyl-1,2,5,6-tetrahydropyrid-4-yl)ethyl,
2-(*N*-methyl-1,2,5,6-tetrahydropyrid-4-yl)-1-(*R*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)ethyl,
3-(2-methylthiazol-5-yl)-pyrazol-5-yl,
2-(*N*-morpholino)ethyl,
n-hexyl,
4-nitrobenzyl,
phenethyl,
1-(*R*)-phenylethyl,
1-(*S*)-phenylethyl,
phenyl,
4-phenylbutyl,
1-(*R*)-2-phenylcarboxyethyl,
1-(*R*)-2-phenyl-1-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl,
1-(*S*)-2-phenyl-1-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl,
3-phenyl-*n*-propyl,
2-(phenyl)-1-(*S*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)ethyl,
2-(piperidin-*N*-yl)ethyl,
2-(piperidin-2-yl)ethyl,
2-(piperidin-3-yl)ethyl,
2-(piperidin-4-yl)ethyl,
(piperid-1-yl)carbonylmethyl,
pyrazin-2-ylmethyl,
2-(pyrid-2-yl)ethyl,
2-(pyrid-3-yl)ethyl,

2-(pyrid-4-yl)ethyl,
 (pyrid-2-yl)methyl,
 (pyrid-3-yl)methyl,
 (pyrid-4-yl)methyl,
 2-[*N*-(pyrid-4-yl)]piperidin-4-yl]ethyl,
 2-[*N*-(pyrid-3-yl)piperidin-4-yl]ethyl,
 2-[*N*-(pyrid-2-yl)piperidin-4-yl]ethyl,
 2-[*N*-(4-methylpyrid-2-yl)]piperidin-4-yl]ethyl,
 2-[*N*-(3-methylpyrid-2-yl)]piperidin-4-yl]ethyl,
 2-(pyrid-4-yl)-1-(*R*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)ethyl,
 1-(*R*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-5-amino-*n*-pentyl,
 1-(*S*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-5-amino-*n*-pentyl,
 1-(*R*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-(4-biphenyl)ethyl,
 1-(*S*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-(4-biphenyl)ethyl,
 1-(*R*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-(4-iodophenyl)ethyl,
 1-(*S*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-(4-iodophenyl)ethyl,
 1-(*R*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-carbonyl)-4-(*t*-butoxycarbonylamino)-*n*-butyl,
 1-(*S*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-carbonyl)-4-(*t*-butoxycarbonylamino)-*n*-butyl,
 1-(*S*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[4-(2-imidazolin-2-yl)phenyl]ethyl,
 2-(*R*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-3-phenylprop-2-yl,
 1-(*R*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[4-(*N*-methylpiperidin-2-yl)phenyl]ethyl,
 1-(*S*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[4-(*N*-methylpiperidin-2-yl)phenyl]ethyl,
 1-(*R*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[*N*-methyl-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-pyridin-4-yl)-phen-4-yl]ethyl,
 1-(*S*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[*N*-methyl-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-pyridin-4-yl)-phen-4-yl]ethyl,
 1-(*R*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[4-(piperidin-2-yl)cyclohexyl]ethyl,
 1-(*S*)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[4-(piperidin-2-yl)cyclohexyl]ethyl,

1-(R)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[N-(phenyl)piperidin-4-yl]ethyl,
 1-(S)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[N-(phenyl)piperidin-4-yl]ethyl,
 1-(R)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[N-(pyridin-4-yl)piperidin-4-yl]ethyl,
 1-(S)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[N-(pyridin-4-yl)piperidin-4-yl]ethyl,
 1-(R)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[4-(pyridin-4-yl)phenyl]ethyl,
 1-(S)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[4-(pyridin-4-yl)phenyl]ethyl,
 1-(R)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[4-(pyrid-2-yl)phenyl]ethyl,
 1-(S)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[4-(pyrid-2-yl)phenyl]ethyl,
 1-(R)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[4-(pyrimidin-2-yl)phenyl]ethyl,
 1-(S)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[4-(pyrimidin-2-yl)phenyl]ethyl,
 1-(R)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[4-(*N*-*t*-butoxycarbonylpyrrol-2-yl)phenyl]ethyl,
 1-(S)-(pyrrolidin-*N*-ylcarbonyl)-2-[4-(*N*-*t*-butoxycarbonylpyrrol-2-yl)phenyl]ethyl,
 1-(S)-(*t*-butoxycarbonyl)-2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)ethyl,
 3-*t*-butoxycarbonyl-1-methoxycarbonylpropyl,
 2-[*N*-(*t*-butoxycarbonylmethyl)piperid-4-yl]ethyl,
 2-[1-(*t*-butoxycarbonylmethyl)piperid-4-yl]ethyl,
 1-(S)-(*t*-butoxycarbonyl)-3-methylpropyl,
 1-(R)-(*t*-butoxycarbonyl)-3-methylpropyl,
 1-(R)-(*t*-butoxycarbonyl)-2-(phenyl)ethyl,
 2-(*N*-*t*-butoxycarbonylmethyl)pyridin-4-yl-ethyl,
 1-R-(N-pyrrolidinylcarbon-yl)-2-(4-pyridyl)ethyl,
 1-S-(N-pyrrolidinylcarbon-yl)-2-(4-pyridyl)ethyl,
 1-R-1-(N-piperidinylcarbonyl)ethyl,
 1-S-1-(N-piperidinylcarbonyl)ethyl,
 1-R-1-methyl-2-(N-piperidinyl)ethyl,
 1-S-1-methyl-2-(N-piperidinyl)ethyl,
 1-R-1-methyl-2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethyl,
 1-S-1-methyl-2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)ethyl,

α -(R,S)-methoxycarbonylbenzyl,
1(R)-1-[4-methylpiperazinylcarbonyl]ethyl,
1(S)-1-[4-methylpiperazinylcarbonyl]ethyl,
2-(N-(5-methyl-pyrimidin-4-yl)-piperidin-4-yl)ethyl,
2-(N-(pyrimidin-4-yl)-piperidin-4-yl)ethyl,
2-(N,N-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl,
2-[4-(piperidinylmethyl) phenyl]ethyl,
2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl, and
4-[1-(pyrid-4-yl)-piperazin-4-yl]phenyl.

7. (Original) The compound according to Claim 5, wherein R^{3'} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, *iso*-propyl, 2-methoxyethyl, and pyrid-3-ylmethyl.

8. (Original) The compound according to Claim 5, wherein R^{3'} is hydrogen.

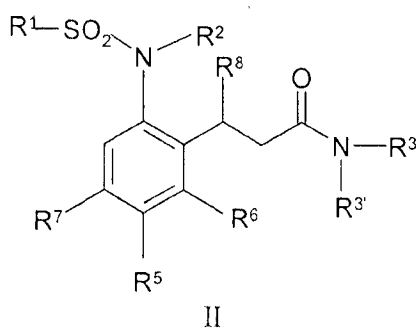
9. (Currently amended) The compound according to Claim 1_{[[5]]} wherein *q* is zero and W is oxygen or sulfur.

10. (Withdrawn) The compound according to Claim 5, wherein R³ and R^{3'} are joined, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bound, to form an optionally substituted heterocyclic group.

11. (Withdrawn) The compound according to Claim 10, wherein said optionally substituted heterocyclic group is selected from the group consisting of 4-(2-aminoethyl)-piperidin-1-yl; 4-[2-(N-*t*-butoxycarbonylamino)-ethyl]piperidin-1-yl; 1-(pyridin-2-yl)piperazin-4-yl; N-morpholino; 2-methylpiperid-N-yl; 2-(S)-carboxamide-pyrrolidin-N-yl; 2-(R)-hydroxy-5-(S)-methoxycarbonyl-pyrrolidin-N-yl; 2-(R)-methoxycarbonyl-pyrrolidin-N-yl; 2-(S)-methoxymethylpyrrolidin-1-yl; 3-(R)-(t-butoxycarbox-amido)pyrrolidin-N-yl; 3-carboxamidopiperid-N-

yl; 3-hydroxypyrrolidin-N-yl; 4-acetylpiperazin-1-yl; 4-hydroxypiperid-N-yl; and 4-methylpiperazin-1-yl.

12. (Previously presented) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein n is zero.
13. (Original) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein n is an integer from 1 to 3.
14. (Previously presented) The compound according to Claim 13, wherein n is 2 and each R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of fluoro, chloro and methyl.
15. (Currently amended) The compound according to Claim 1 which compound is represented by formula II[[a]]:



wherein

R^5 , R^6 , and R^7 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, fluoro, and chloro; and

R^8 is hydrogen or methyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, geometric isomer or stereoisomer thereof.

16. (Currently amended) [[A]] The compound according to Claim 15 which is selected from the group consisting of:

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[1-(R)-1-(N"-pyrrolidinylcarbonyl)-2-(4-pyridyl)eth-1-yl]propionamide (1);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N"-methylpiperidin-4-yl)eth-1-yl]propionamide (2);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[1-(R)-1-(N"-piperidinylcarbonyl)eth-1-yl]propionamide (3);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[1-(S)-1-(N"-piperidinylcarbonyl)eth-1-yl]propionamide (4);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-{N"-(4-methylpyrid-2-yl)}piperidin-4-yl]eth-1-yl]propionamide (5);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[1-(R)-1-(N"-pyrrolidinylcarbonyl)-2-(4-pyridylphen-4-yl)eth-1-yl]propionamide (6);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[(2-N"-piperidinyl)eth-1-yl]propionamide (7);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[(2-pyrid-4-yl)eth-1-yl]propionamide (8);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-{N"-(2-pyridyl)piperidin-4-yl}eth-1-yl]propionamide (9);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N"-ethylpiperidin-4-yl)eth-1-yl]propionamide (10);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[1-(S)-1-methyl-2-(N"-piperidinyl)eth-1-yl]propionamide (11);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-{N"-(pyrid-4-yl)piperidin-4-yl}eth-1-yl]propionamide (12);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[1-(R)-1-methyl-2-(N"-piperidinyl)eth-1-yl]propionamide (13);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-{N"-(2-methylpyrid-4-yl)piperidin-4-yl}eth-1-yl]propionamide (14);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[1-(S)-1-methyl-2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)eth-1-yl]propion-amide (**15**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[1-(R)-1-methyl-2-(4-methylpiperazin-1-yl)eth-1-yl]propionamide (**16**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-methyl-N-2-(N"-methylpiperidin-4-yl)eth-1-yl]propionamide (**17**);

3-[2'-{(2",3"-dichlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-methyl-N-2-[(N"-methylpiperidin-4-yl)eth-1-yl]propionamide (**18**);

3-[2'-{(2",5"-dimethyl-4"-chlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[(α -(R,S)-methoxycarbonyl)benzyl]propionamide (**19**);

3-[2'-{(2",3"-dichlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-N-[(α -(R,S)-methoxycarbonyl)benzyl]propionamide (**20**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-ethylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N"-ethylpiperidin-4-yl)eth-1-yl]propionamide (**21**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)sulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N"-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**66**);

3-[2'-{(2",3"-dichlorobenzene)sulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N"-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**67**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[1(R or S)-1-(4-methyl piperazinylcarbonyl)ethyl]propion-amide (**68**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[1(S or R)-1-(4-methyl piperazinylcarbonyl)ethyl]propion-amide (**69**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-{N"-(3-methylpyrid-2-yl)}piperidin-4-yl]ethyl]propion-amide (**70**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N",N"-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**71**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)sulfonamido}-4,5-dichlorophenyl]-N-methyl-N-[2-(N"-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**72**);

3-[2'-{(3"-methyl-2",4"-dichlorobenzene)sulfonamido}-4,5-dichlorophenyl]-N-methyl-N-[2-(N"-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**73**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-ethylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-methyl-N-[2-(N"-pyrid-2-yl)piperidin-4-yl]ethyl]propionamide (**74**);

3-[2'-{(3"-(4""-methylphenoxy)benzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-[2-(N"-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**75**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-ethylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-ethyl-N-[2-(N"-pyrid-2-yl)piperidin-4-yl]ethyl]propionamide (**76**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-ethylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-[2-oxo-5-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-benzo[e][1,4]diazepin-3-yl]propionamide (**77**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-5,6-dichlorophenyl]-N-methyl-N-[2-(N"-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**78**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-4,5-dichlorophenyl]-N-[2-(N"-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**79**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-5,6-difluorophenyl]-N-methyl-N-[2-(N"-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**80**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-ethylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-isopropyl-N-[2-(N"-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**81**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-5,6-difluorophenyl]-N-methyl-N-[2-(N"-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**82**);

3-methyl-3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-[2-{N"-(pyrid-4-yl)piperidin-4-yl}ethyl]propionamide(Racemic mixture) (**83**);

3-methyl-3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-[2-{N"-(pyrid-4-yl)piperidin-4-yl}ethyl]propionamide (Isomer A, of racemic mixture) (**84**);

3-methyl-3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2",5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-[2-{N"-(pyrid-4-yl)piperidin-4-yl}ethyl]propionamide (Isomer B, of racemic mixture) (**85**);

3-[2'-{(4"-methylbenzene)sulfonamido} phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**86**);

3-[2'-{(3"-chloro-4"-methylbenzene)sulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**87**);

3-[2'-{(2"-methyl-3"-chlorobenzene)sulfonamido} phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**88**);

3-[2'-{(3'',4"-dichlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**89**);

3-[2'-{(2"-fluorobenzene)sulfonamido} phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**90**);

3-methyl-3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2'',5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido} phenyl]-N-[2-(N''-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**91**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2'',5"-dimethylbenzene)sulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**92**);

3-methyl-3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2'',5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-{N''-(5-methylpyrid-2-yl)} piperidin-4-yl]ethyl]propionamide (**93**);

3-[2'-{(2'',4"-dichlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**94**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2'',5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-ethylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N''-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**95**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2'',5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-ethylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N''-methylpiperidin-2-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**96**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2'',5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-ethylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N''-methylpiperidin-3-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**97**);

3-[2'-{benzene-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**98**);

3-[2'-{(2'',3''-dichlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**99**);

3-[2'-{(2''-chlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**100**);

3-[2'-{(2''-methylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**101**);

3-[2'-{(3''-chlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**102**);

3-[2'-{(3''-methylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**103**);

3-[2'-{(2'',4'',5''-trichlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**104**);

3-[2'-{(2'',4''-dichloro-5''-methylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**105**);

3-[2'-{(2'',5''-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**106**);

3-[2'-{(2'',5''-dichlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**107**);

3-[2'-{(2'',6''-dichlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**108**);

3-[2'-{(2''-methoxy-5''-chlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**109**);

3-[2'-{(2''-methyl-5''-fluorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**110**);

3-[2'-{(2''-chloro-6''-methylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**111**);

3-[2'-{(3''-fluoro-4''-methylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**112**);

3-[2'-{(naphthal-2-yl)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**113**);

3-[2'-{(3'',4''-difluorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**114**);

3-[2'-{(3''-chloro-4''-fluorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**115**);

3-[2'-{(3'',4''-dimethoxybenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**116**);

3-[2'-{(2''-chloro-4''-cyanobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**117**);

3-[2'-{(2'',4''-dichloro-5''-methylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**118**);

3-[2'-{(4''-chloro-2'',5''-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-methyl-N-[2-{N''-(4-methylpyrid-2-yl)}piperidin-4-yl]ethyl]propionamide (**119**);

3-[2'-{(4-chloro-2'',5''-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**120**);

3-[2'-{(naphthalyl)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**121**);

3-[2'-{(4-chlorobenzo[c][1,2,5]oxadiazol-7-yl)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**122**);

3-[2'-{(2''-phenoxybenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**123**);

3-[2'-{(2'',3'',4''-trifluorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**124**);

3-[2'-{(2''-chloro-4''-trifluoromethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**125**);

3-[2'-{(2"-methyl-4"-fluorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**126**);

3-[2'-{(3'',5"-dichloropyrid-2-yl)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**127**);

3-[2'-{(2'',3'',4"-trichlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**128**);

3-[2'-{(3'',5"-dichlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N'',N''-dimethylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**129**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2'',5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-ethylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-methyl-N-[2-[N''-(pyrimidin-4-yl)piperidin-4-yl]ethyl]propionamide (**130**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2'',5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-ethylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-methyl-N-[2-[N''-(5-methylpyrimidin-4-yl)piperidin-4-yl]ethyl]propionamide (**131**);

3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2'',5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-methyl-N-[2-[4-(piperidinylmethyl)phenyl]ethyl]propionamide (**132**);

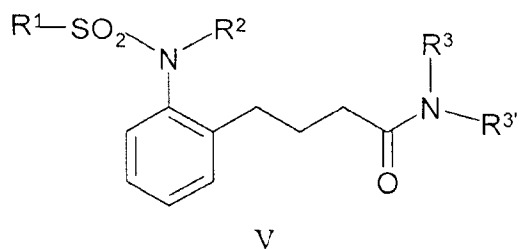
3-[2'-{(4"-chloro-2'',5"-dimethylbenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-methyl-N-{2-[3H-pyrrolo[3,2-b]pyrid-2-yl]ethyl}propionamide (**133**); and

3-[2'-{(2'',6"-dichlorobenzene)-N'-ethylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[2-(N''-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]propionamide (**134**);

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, geometric isomer or stereoisomer thereof.

17.-20. (Canceled)

21. (Withdrawn/Currently amended) The compound according to Claim 1 which compound is represented by formula V[[a]]:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, geometric isomer or stereoisomer thereof.

22. (Withdrawn/Currently amended) [[A]] The compound according to Claim 15 which is selected from the group consisting of:

3-[2'-{(2'',5''-dimethyl-4''-chlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}-phenyl]-N-[(α-(R,S)-methoxycarbonyl)benzyl]butyramide (**64**); [[and]]

3-[2'-{(2'',3''-dichlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-N-[(α-(R,S)-methoxycarbonyl)benzyl]butyramide (**65**); and

3-[2'-{(2'',5''-dimethyl-4''-chlorobenzene)-N'-methylsulfonamido}phenyl]-N-methyl-N-[2-(N''-methylpiperidin-4-yl)ethyl]butyramide (**139**)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, geometric isomer or stereoisomer thereof.

23.-28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to Claim 1.

30.-31. (Canceled)